

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 4, 16 and 17 are amended, claim 14 is canceled and dependent claim 19 is added. Claim 4 is amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. Support for the amendment to claim 4 and for the subject matter recited in new claim 19 can be found in original claim 14 and in the specification at, for example, page 11, lines 3-18. The specification is amended to correct the typographical informalities noted in the Office Action. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The Examiner is thanked for identifying the informalities in the specification, which have been corrected as noted above. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3. Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, as detailed below.

Claims 4-7, 11, 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,671,014 to Ito et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Ito et al. does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claim 4. For example, Ito et al. does not disclose or suggest an electronic camera having a display device that is provided on a side of the electronic camera opposite to a side of the electronic camera on which the photographing lens is provided, and having a memory that stores an image data file corresponding to the image formed by an imaging element and a designation data file corresponding to designated positions that have been designated by a designating device, the image data file and designation data file correlated to each other.

The Office Action referred to Fig. 1, col. 4, lines 51-67 of Ito et al. in rejecting claim 14, which recited that the memory stores indications of the designated positions and information that correlates those indications to the designated positions with the image.

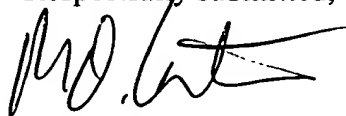
However, Ito et al. does not disclose or suggest an image data file correlated to a designation data file in a memory as now recited in independent claim 4. Accordingly, independent claim 4 and its dependent claims are patentable over Ito et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 8 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,837,628 to Sasaki. Claims 9, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,311,207 to Kusumoto et al. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,589,857 to Tanahashi et al. Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,239,419 to Kim. Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ito et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,729,289 to Etoh. These references do not overcome the deficiencies of Ito et al. noted above with respect to independent claim 4. Accordingly, claims 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 4. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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